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Rapid River News!

From LRBOI



Ziisahaakdoke-Giizis (Sugar Moon)
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(Cultural related items)

- **Corn Soup & Frybread Cookoff!** March 12th there will be a special Cookoff at Aki Maadiziwin with separate judging for both Soup and Bread. Doors open at 11:30, there are cash prizes and there is a \$3 entry fee/donation. This is sponsored by the LRBOI Kwewok Group in support of the Tribal Princess program.

- **Peacemaking-Probation Department**

It's time again to start thinking about volunteering. The Peacemaking/Probation Department is looking for Tribal Members to become Peacemakers. Every year we strive to involved more Tribal Members and ask for volunteers to become Peacemakers. Let's make this great year by becoming a Peacemaker. The Peacemaking/Probation Department invites you to become part of the healing

If you are interested in becoming a Peacemaker, Please contact Pat Wilson (231)398-2239 --- Austen Brauker (231)398-2240. Or by email: pwilson@lrboi.com and abrauker@lrboi.com.

"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying "A Place of Healing Many Hearts"

END DATE: March 25, 2011

- The Historic Preservation department will be having a **2011 Jiingtamok Planning** follow-up meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at 5:37 pm. The meeting will be held at the Historic Preservation offices located at 294 River Street. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Warriors Society Updates.** The Warrior Society has several announcements:
 - o They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.
 - o The new Warriors Society Ordinance is on the approved Ordinances website, under chapter 700, Title 09 www.lrboi.com
 - o Next meeting is April 2nd, at the Aki Maadiziwin Community Center

Kateri Circle 2011

Muskegon Four Season's
2011 Gatherings
all dates times are same 11 am to 3 pm
ST. Thomas Hall
3252 Apple Ave { M-46 }
Muskegon , Michigan
POTLUCK = Dish to pass
tableware and beverage will be supplied
Raffles and Door Prizes and silent auctions
Leader Patti Wlodkowski 231-755-4865
Debra Gutowski
231-733-2891 -- 1-616-514-6065 - cell 231-557-1634

March -- 27 Easter Gathering
Oct -- 23 Halloween gathering
Nov --- 13 Ghost Supper
Dec --- 11 Christmas Gathering
11am to 3 pm all Sunday dates
**Everyone is welcome to come and share and socialze
and share the day and make memories.....**

Debra Gutowski-Director
Native American Ministry
360 Division Ave S suite 3A
Grand Rapids, MI. 49503
234-0491x 1517 { direct line } 514-6065
Fax { 551-5626 }

(General area items)

- **Tight Lines for Troops.** The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) Veterans Program is proud to announce the Little River Casino Resort & Manistee County Charter Boats' 2nd Annual "Tight Lines for Troops" Veterans Charity Fishing Tournament. On Sunday, May 22nd, 2011, Manistee County Charter Captains join other fishing boat Captains from around northern Michigan to host 160 Michigan military service personnel and Veterans on 40 four-person "Teams."

- **Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011**

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks.

All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn.

Visit our [website](#) to find out more.

- **Commerce - Workforce Development Announce 2011 Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program**

The LRBOI Department of Commerce Workforce Development Program is finalizing plans for a Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program designed to provide qualifying Tribal Citizens a work experience in an assortment of positions via its' government, enterprises and business entities. David Hawley, LRBOI Workforce Development Specialist, explains the program as an opportunity for the LRBOI Tribal Citizen to gain supervised experience in a work setting that can be included on their resume and in interviews.

The Adult component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens at least 18 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the program will be based on the strength of their interview and LRBOI Application for Employment which must be submitted in order to be considered for a position. Applicants must also submit a Workforce Development Application for Programs. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from Spring 2011 until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$10.00 per hour.

The Youth component of the program will be open to LRBOI Tribal Citizens 16-17 years of age. Applicants selected to participate in the program will also be required to complete up to 32 hours of Job Readiness Training during the course of the program. Selection for the Youth program will be based on the submission of a work permit. State labor laws require the submission of a CA-7 work permit for minors 16 and 17 years of age. No one will be considered or selected for the program without a work permit. There are a limited number of positions that will be available starting from the end of the public school year until Labor Day. The program is limited to 320 hours per participant and pays \$7.65 per hour.

Watch for full details of the Summer Adult and Youth Work Experience/Employment Program in the April issue of *Currents* and in *Rapid River News*.

- **HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP** has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

- o **Fitness and fun** at the old community center every Mon. and Thurs. evening after 5 p.m. family/children are welcome! We will be doing *Wii* activities and following exercise DVD's. If anyone has questions they can contact Holly Davis at 398-6610, Community Health Representative at 398-6629 or Peggy Ducey HR 398-6807.
- The **Indian Health Service Scholarship** is now available online with a closing date of March 28, 2011. We do encourage students to submit their documents prior to the deadline so that we can attempt to review their application for completeness. Attached is the listing of those health and pre health professions that the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program will consider.

This past cycle, the Bemidji Area (MI, MN, WI, IL and IN) had received 13 new awardees out of the 86 new national awards that were made and 3rd out of the 12 I.H.S. areas, behind Oklahoma and Aberdeen.

<http://www.ihs.gov/JobsCareerDevelop/DHPS/Scholarships/>

This is very competitive scholarship based on 1) GPA, 2) Student essay and 3) Two faculty/employer evaluations. It is NOT based on income or age and students may apply either full time or part time.

If you know of any students who are interested in applying for the I.H.S. Health Professions Scholarship or if you can share this information with those at your Tribal education programs, newspapers, websites, etc., it would be much appreciated.

Any questions, please contact: Anthony Buckanaga, Health Professions Recruiter
Indian Health Service 522 Minnesota Ave, NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Phone: 218-444-0486 or 800-892-3079 Email: tony.buckanaga@ihs.gov FAX: 218-444-0498

- **Tutoring Available for Students!**

Where: LRBOI Old Community Center

Dates: Every Tuesday – March 22nd – May 31st

Time: 2pm - 6pm(ish)

Contact: Santana Aker – Education Youth Assistant

Phone: (231) 398-6654

Email: Saker@lrboi.com

Walk-ins welcome – Appointments preferred

The tutoring is available to any student finding they need help in any subject area. I have a strong knowledge base of most subjects, but my emphasis areas are in Social Studies/History, Geography, and English.

If you need assistance in any other education related task, such as organization, time management, etc. These are areas that I can also assist in helping.

I am available to college students, but the time reserved for them is between 2pm – 3:30pm, which is before younger students are out of school.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Clinic announces new Physician!** As you know, Dr. Dixon has moved on to other endeavors and we wish her well. The important news is that we have secured the services of Dr. James Voight as a temporary replacement. He is a board certified Family Practice Physician and his first day is March 8th. Our next task is to recruit a Physician that will be a permanent replacement. We are also recruiting a Physician Assistant to increase our capacity to serve Tribal citizens. When we are successful, I will send you another letter to keep you informed. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me either by e-mail at bdavis@lrboi.com or by phone at 231-398-6619. Miigwech! (Submitted by Clinic Director Bob Davis)
- **Cross Deputization – Finally!** Last week, the Manistee County Sheriff cross-deputized 8 Tribal Public Safety Officers thus ending a long period of time where this was a contentious subject. In ceremonies at the Sheriff's office, the 8 received an overview of some departmental procedures, were sworn in as Deputies and had a lively discussion to make sure that everyone fully understood the situation and the challenges that could come up.
- **Election Candidate Information.** Candidates for the General elections have submitted messages concerning their run for office. Their articles will appear in the next *Currents* issue with distribution on March 15th. Watch the website for the issue!

- **Elders Survey Time!** Members Assistance is working on the 2010 Elders Survey for the Administration on Aging and needs your help. Participating elders will receive a gift of appreciation (\$10.00 gift card) and a certificate of participation. We are in need of at least 250 surveys and have only 83 completed so far. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department at 888-723-8288.

Spring Membership Meeting
Saturday April 9, 2011

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| Friday April 8, 2011 | Ogema | Little River Casino Resort Event Center |
| 7 pm – 9 pm | Meet & Greet | |
| Saturday April 9, 2011 | Membership Meeting | Little River Casino Resort Event Center |
| 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. | | |

Meeting Agenda

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| 8 a.m. – Registration Begins | Located Near Event Center |
| 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Informational Booths | Hallway – Three Fires Conference |
| 10 a.m. – Flag Ceremony Honoring the Nations | Event Center |
| 10:00 a.m. Opening of meeting | |
| 12 p.m. Lunch Served | Event Center |
| Informational Booths Close | |
| 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Official Meeting Begins | |
| 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Question and Answer Period | |
| 4 p.m. Meeting Ends | Thank – you for attending and Safe Travel Home |
| <i>Note-Agenda subject to change at Ogema's discretion and if quorum in membership is reached~</i> | |

(Please see the note at the end of the Rapid River News about viewing the meeting on the internet)

- **Casino Board of Directors** meetings have been set. They are:
 - o March 25
 - o April 8
- **Muskegon Project.** The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (LRBOI) has announced the launch of a website, *Muskegon Jobs Now*, viewable and searchable at <http://muskegonjobsnow.com>. The new website provides a comprehensive overview of the economic benefits that a proposed casino at the former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township would provide the residents of Muskegon County and the state of Michigan. In addition, the website provides supporters an opportunity to check on the status of the project and contact legislators.
- **DNRE Seeks Help from Public to Detect Presence of Wolves in Northern Lower Peninsula**
 The Department of Natural Resources and Environment today announced it will conduct a survey in the northern Lower Peninsula Feb. 15 through March 14 to detect the presence of gray wolves in that region of the state. The DNRE is working with several of the area Tribal governments on this project.
 “The purpose of the survey is to verify the presence of wolves both where we have previously confirmed animals and to detect new occurrences in other areas,” said DNRE wildlife biologist Jennifer Kleitch. “Given the low probability of observing a wolf or tracks in the Lower Peninsula it’s helpful to have as many eyes looking as possible. That’s why public reports are so important.”
 Wolves are a federally protected species that began naturally returning to Michigan’s Upper Peninsula via Canada and Wisconsin in the early 1990s. Since that time populations have increased and continue to expand their range. Evidence of range expansion into the Lower Peninsula came when a gray wolf was accidentally killed in Presque Isle County in 2004. More recently, wolf breeding was verified in Cheboygan County in 2010.
 The DNRE is asking the public to report any recent sightings of wolves or tracks they believe were made by wolves to the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541, ext. 5901 during the survey period. Reports of observations can also be submitted online at www.dnr.state.mi.us/wildlife/pubs/wolf_obsreport.asp.
- **Trading Post logowear!** We are proud to announce that our logo apparel is now available online. You may go to www.baysupplyinc.com and on the left side of the

page click on Little River Trading Post and place your order. Payment is via Credit Card and your order will be shipped directly to your door step. Also check back we are always adding new things to order. Thank you and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Trading Post.

- **Work Search Computer!** The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRRCR, as well as other job resource information.
- **Commissions/Committees:**
The following commissions have current openings.

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| Gaming Commission | 2 openings |
| Health Commission | 2 openings |
| Binojeeuk | 1 opening |
| LRRCR Board | 1 opening for an elected official |

All other commission seats available have been filled.

(Tribal Health Clinic)

- **Wii Bowling for Elders.** The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding **Wii** bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

"The Old Ones have always said that no matter who despises or ignores you, no matter who keeps you from entering their circles, it is right to pray for them because they are like us, too."

-- Larry P. Aitken, CHIPPEWA

You don't know how an apple tastes until you taste it. You don't know what a fish tastes like until you eat it. You don't know how it is to be a woman unless you are one. You don't know what it means to have a baby until you have one. So it is with the natural laws. An example: the natural law of forgiveness says, if you hate someone, pray for the person to be blessed with happiness, joy and all the blessings of the Great Spirit. You will not know about this law unless you do it. The natural law says love others as you love yourself. If you hate yourself or feel guilt in some area of yourself, you will tend to judge and condemn your neighbor. You cannot give away what you don't have. You teach your children by your example, not by your words. The natural laws are written in our hearts.

Great Spirit, teach me how to look into my heart.

MICHIGAN INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES PILOT PROJECT: CRIMINAL DEFENSE AT LRBOI TRIBAL COURT

Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) and the Tribal Court are pleased to announce that MILS will begin offering assistance to criminal defendants in the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court. Starting now, MILS attorneys will be available to represent indigent defendants facing criminal charges as part of a year long pilot project. The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.

The purpose of the pilot project is two fold. First, MILS hopes to provide high quality representation by assisting clients through the system, providing necessary balance in an adversarial system. Second, through the experience of the pilot project, MILS hopes to be able to make an informed decision as to whether we should maintain the project at LRBOI, expand into other tribal courts, or end the program as part of the commitment to serving the native communities within Michigan. MILS will conduct an on going program evaluation with the help of clients and LRBOI Court staff.

Those Tribal Members facing criminal charges in the Tribal Court, will be notified of this project, and given MILS contact information at the first court hearing.



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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 3-2-11
If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

Hearing Key Code

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation CS - Child Support CT - Civil Ticket
DM - Divorce with children DO - Divorce w/o children EA - Enrollment Appeal
EB - Election Board Appeal EM - Emancipation of Minor FJ - Foreign Judgment
FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment GA - Gaming Appeal GC - General Civil
GM - Guardianship of Minor GR - Employment Matter JC - Judicial Complaint
JV - Juvenile LT - Landlord Tenant NA - Neglect Abuse
NC - Name Change PF - Probate PPO - Personal Protection Order
TA - Trust Access TM - Tribal Misdemeanor WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, March 7, 2011; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. Walker v. Enrollment - 10277EA Motion Hrg.
1:15 p.m. Rhodea v. Wabsis - 11020CM Motion Hrg.
3:00 p.m. LRBOI v. Day - 10232TM Arraignment

Monday, March 14, 2011; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. North v. North - 11010DO Pretrial
3:00 p.m. Wilhoit v. Tribe - 10120GC Motion Hrg.
Conference Room reserved all day for depositions.

Thursday, March 17, 2011; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09053NA Closed Hrg.
Friday, March 18, 2011; Judge Sherigan
1:00 p.m. Neglect/Abuse - 09184NA Closed Hrg.

Monday, March 21, 2011; Judge Bailey

To be scheduled.

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. - Court staff included in a webinar

Monday, March 28, 2011

Treaty Recognition Day - Offices Closed

THE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS



The address is <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lrboi-spring-membership-meeting>

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
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Or send them direct to currentcomments@lrboi.com.
Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.